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TODAY and TOMORROW

U.S. Hopes Shattered

PRESIDENT Roosevelt is now facing the most severe crisis on the American home front. Even in 1942, the American people who had expected victory over Nippon in three months according to the foolhardy promises of Colonel Knox began to show acute symptoms of war-weariness. To boost the morale of the people, Roosevelt started the Pacific island-hopping campaign. Losing several hundreds of warships and many thousand planes as well as men, ammunition and war materials, the American forces began the occupation of the Solomon Islands.

Though the American people were staggered by these heavy losses, still they could not see any alternative to letting Roosevelt go on with the war into which he had plunged America. Roosevelt had committed them so deeply that they could not but continue the war effort hoping almost against hope that Nippon could be defeated somehow. In 1943 Roosevelt's position was far worse. By countrywide strikes, the American people have showed that they were totally against Roosevelt's war policy.

Every time the American home front situation became critical, Roosevelt managed to stage some propaganda stunt in the military sphere. Thus early in 1944, the opening of the European second front and towards the close of 1944 the Central Pacific operations helped to bolster the sinking morale of the American people. But these stunt operations of Roosevelt's have become more and more difficult, and also more and more costly.

During the current year, American losses have increased many times. The small island of Iwoojima had cost the Americans over 40,000 casualties. In the waters around Okinawa Islands, within the past ten days, the Americans have lost over 190 warships—including some 13 aircraft-carriers and 18 battleships. These terrific losses have completely shattered American morale. Today not only the American people and Roosevelt's political opponents resist and oppose his war effort—his proposals and measures to intensify the American war effort. Roosevelt's own henchmen are abandoning him, one after another like rats deserting a sinking ship. Roosevelt's most important henchman, the man responsible for the entire war mobilisation of America, James Byrnes, Director of War Mobilisation, has resigned.

And now the American Senate also reflects the extreme opposition of the American people to Roosevelt's war policy. The Man Power Bill sponsored and strongly advocated by Roosevelt himself has been rejected by a clear majority of 46 votes to 29. This clearly indicates in which direction the wind blows. The entire American nation is now in the grip of utter war-weariness and as time goes on their disgust and dissatisfaction over Roosevelt's regime is bound to increase.

LIBERATION WEEK BEGINS TOMORROW

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Elaborate Program Drawn Up For Observation Of National Week Here

Indians throughout East Asia will observe the "National Liberation Week" commencing from tomorrow and the week's programme of activities in Syonan include mass rallies, visit to Distress Relief Camp, Orphanage and Nippon Military Hospital, administration of Oath of Allegiance, comfort visit to I.N.A. Hospital, prayer meetings, etc.

The week's varied activities will be participated by men, women and children, provision being made for a mass meeting of women and an Indian Children's rally as well.

During the week special efforts will be made in connection with the collection of funds for the I.I.L., and the recruiting campaign for the Azad Hind Fauj will be intensified.

The week which opens tomorrow, as stated above, will be marked by a meeting at the I.I.L. premises in Waterloo Street at 6.30 p.m. under the auspices of the Indian Rescue Squad.

All Indian residents as well as business houses, religious institutions and public places are requested to hoist the Indian National Flag side by side with the Hinomaru tomorrow and on the 13th of April.

On the 7th instant all religious institutions catering for Indian residents in the city will offer special prayers for the success of the movement.

On the 8th instant there will be a mass meeting of Indian women at the I.I.L. premises in Waterloo Street at which speeches on the significance of "National Liberation Week" will be delivered in Hindustani and Tamil.

On Monday, April 9, there will be a rally of Indian children at the League premises, when a demonstration of physical training by the pupils of the Indian National School will be given.

Tuesday, April 10, will be devoted to comfort visits to Distress Relief Camp, Orphanage and Nippon Military Hospital.

Wednesday, Apr. 11, is set apart for the administration of the Oath of Allegiance when the Oath will be administered at different centres of Syonan.

On Thursday, April 12, a comfort party will visit the Indian National Army Hospital.

On the last day, April 13, there will be a mass meeting of Indians in the evening when speeches will be delivered by prominent officials of the Movement explaining the significance of the Week.

Sure Of Ultimate Victory

Nippon Women Form Attack Corps; Take Part In Okinawa War

Lisbon, April 2 (Domei)—A United Press dispatch from the Okinawa front today revealed for the first time that Nippon women, organized as attack units are fighting shoulder-to-shoulder with Nippon regular troops in the defence of Okinawa main island.

A Nippon special attack corps, composed of 11 women armed with rifles, last night conducted a death-defying charge into the American right-wing artillery position on the island, the dispatch said.

Meantime, official American reports indicated that the American troops on Okinawa main island have made no sensational advance since their landing.

American Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz's communique simply said that American invasion forces have deepened their bridgehead to a depth of five kilometres.

NETAJI OPTIMISTIC ABOUT BURMA WAR; FOE ATTEMPT AT RECONQUEST IS FUTILE

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Netaji Pays High Tribute To Reich Army & People

Rangoon, April 3 (Domei)—At a press conference Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Head of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, expressed the warmest admiration for the indomitable courage and dogged tenacity of the armed forces and people of Germany and stressed that there was still no reason to be pessimistic about the ultimate issue.

Touching on the political situation with the sudden appearance of Turkey in the political arena of Europe and the disagreement between the Anglo-Americans and Soviet Russia on the Turkish question, Netaji clarified the reasons why Turkey joined the anti-Axis camp. He pointed out that Russia was not a party to exerting pressure on Turkey for declaring war on the Axis powers.

Netaji referred to the coming San Francisco conference as one of the periodic propaganda stunts of the Anglo-Americans. He added that it would be interesting to see whether the Anglo-Americans and Soviet Russia would come closer together as a result of this conference or fall out more openly than before. He asserted it is clear that the Soviet Government is determined to make and execute its own plan for post-war reconstruction.

Netaji said that should Germany collapse it would be the beginning of an open breach between the Anglo-Americans and the Soviets—an event which would mean yet another chance for the Indian National Army to achieve its objective.

As for India Netaji said that the success which the enemy scored outside India did not have a depressing effect but only served to intensify the anti-British feeling in the country. The outbreak of a revolution inside India and achievement of independence are, however, dependent on military aid that has to be brought in from outside, Netaji concluded.

Enemy In Desperation Racing With Time To Gain Quick Victory

Rangoon, April 3 (Domei)—Dealing with the situation in Burma in a statement issued at a press conference, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Head of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, declared that enemy forces have been trying to race with time, knowing that the advent of the monsoon season will bring in innumerable difficulties. But after their heavy counter-attacks began in northern and central Burma, they have now realized the task they have set out to achieve is an impossible one.

In sheer desperation they have now turned to the destruction of civilian life and property in Rangoon and other parts of Burma. Netaji pointed out that it was ludicrous that on the one hand the enemy has been dropping leaflets appealing to the population to help him, while on the other he has been mercilessly bombing helpless civilians, including women and children. Besides this inhuman bombing, the enemy has not spared public places of worship, like pagodas, mosques and temples, and hospitals.

Netaji disclosed that the Provisional Government of Azad Hind was considering plans for closer co-operation with the Burmese Government in the matter of relief to air-raid victims. He continued that though a difficult military situation was being faced in Burma, which might continue for a month or two, he was fully optimistic about the ultimate issue of the war in Burma.

Another Thirteen Warcraft Sunk And Damaged Off Okinawa; Foe Loses 190 Ships In 10 Days' Warfare

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Tokyo, Apr. 4 (Domei)—Dai Honyei announced at 3.30 p.m. today as follows:—

"Firstly, although enemy forces which landed on Okinawa main island are incurring considerable losses in the vicinity of the coast, a part of the enemy on Apr. 3 advanced into the vicinity of Shimabuku, south of Kiatan, and Awashi. Our forces in those areas are continuing to intercept and engage him in fierce fighting.

"Secondly, losses inflicted on enemy warships and vessels in the vicinity of the same island so far ascertained are as follows: Sunk, six transports, one battleship, four cruisers; heavily damaged, one destroyer, and one vessel of unspecified category."

Enemy losses of warcraft and other vessels in the Okinawa sector now reach a total of 190 ships.

These operations began ten days ago which means that 19 enemy warships and other types of vessels have been sent to the bottom or put out of action every day by the Nippon air force and its Special Attack Corps units, working in co-operation with naval units. The achievements of the Nippon units will rank in the history of the war as one of the greatest combined actions ever fought.

American losses include their latest and largest aircraft-carriers, as well as scores of other warships including battleships, cruisers, destroyers and transports. The waters around Okinawa are filled with the wreckage and sunken hulks of enemy ships. Large fires are blazing among many war vessels. In the midst of this blazing inferno, the indomitable flyers of the Nippon air force are day and night making fatal body-crash assaults into American warcraft and their all-out offensive has yet to reach its climax.

Pitched Battles Raging In Luzon War Theatres

Philippine Front, Apr. 2 (Domei)—Nippon forces on both the southern and northern Luzon fronts are continuing to bring pressure to bear on the American forces by widespread slashing assaults which are claiming a heavy toll of American lives.

Four hundred and forty-two American troops were killed or wounded on Mar. 25 and 26 when a Nippon unit operating in the Los Banos sector, on the southern fringe of Lake Laguna, south of Manila, pounced on an American artillery unit.

The Nippon troops knocked out of commission or set ablaze six tanks, four motorcars and a tent, putting the enemy to flight. The enemy attempted to send landing barges to assist their comrades but the Nippon unit immediately sank three of the vessels and compelled the remainder to flee.

In operations north-east of Manila, Nippon forces swinging south from the Montalban area on the afternoon of Mar. 25 were said to have penetrated into the Marikina sector and to have caused a huge explosion of an ammunition dump.

On the East-Central Luzon front, Nippon death-defying corps were reported to be carrying out effective counter-thrusts against the enemy. On the night of Mar. 26, Nippon troops killed or wounded 225 American soldiers in sanguinary fighting in the Balete Pass sector.

The intensity of Nippon attacks in the Salacsac Pass area, dispatches said, has increased since Mar. 23, and the Nippon forces have completely routed all of the enemy troops south-east of the Pass. Nippon forces were now said to be wiping out enemy remnants.

Frontline dispatches said that Nippon troops in the Carranglan sector on Mar. 24 smashed two 15-centimetre artillery pieces, three mortars, one rapid-firing gun and four tents in a daring attack, which caused consternation among the enemy troops.

Donated Warplanes Officially Christened

Syonan, April 4 (Domei)—Before a large crowd of citizens which filled the Dai Toa Gekijo to capacity, six warplanes donated by the local inhabitants to the fighting forces in appreciation of the heroic actions of members of the Imperial Air Arm in air battles with the enemy, were officially christened at a simple ceremony held yesterday afternoon.

Present at the ceremony were a proxy of the War Minister, who delivered a stirring address thanking the donors and exhorting the people to still greater efforts in view of the current war situation, Mayor Kanichi Naito of the Special Municipality, other top-ranking officers of the Army and high officials of the Administration, and leaders of the various communities, as well as representatives of the donors.

Following the christening ceremony, Certificates of Merit were presented to the representatives.

U.S. Armoured Division Chief Killed In Germany

Lisbon, April 3 (Domei)—The American War Department yesterday announced that Major-General Maurice Rose, Commander of the American First Army's Third Armoured Division on the Western Front, was killed in action in Germany, according to a Washington dispatch.

Maj.-Gen. Rose previously took part in the fighting in North Africa and Italy.

Planned German Offensive Strategy Now Taking Shape

Berlin, April 3 (Domei)—German counter-measures against the rapidly advanced American tank spearheads, which have raced out far from the main strength of the anti-Axis armies, are beginning to take shape into a carefully planned defensive strategy, a German military spokesman declared today.

Although the Americans have sent their mobile columns spearing into the German lines, the Spokesman said that the Americans have not as yet been able to consolidate their gains and several of their tank spearheads have already been shattered and their advance halted.

The German High Command reported that the Anglo-American forces, despite their huge employment of men and material, yesterday could only achieve slight territorial gains against hard-fighting German troops.

In the Lower Rhine-Wesel triangle as well as between Zutfen and Rheine, north-west of Muenster, heavy defensive fighting was waged yesterday against a strong British combat group, the communique said.

To the north-east of Muenster, anti-Axis assaults in the Teutoburger Forest on either side of Tecklenburg were stopped by German artillery fire from hill positions. To the east of this sector, the Americans made a considerable penetration in the direction of Harford from Bielefeld.

German divisions, battling on the Sieg and in the Rothaar Mountain sector, yesterday warded off a number of enemy assaults with counter-thrusts and annihilated a fast enemy detachment north-east of Winterberg, south of Brilon.

Enemy troops managed to enter Kassel after grim fighting, the communique admitted. A Trans-Ocean dispatch, meantime, reported that a German counter-attack hurled the Americans out of Lohr-on-Main, in the Aschaffenburg area.

The chief fighting on the Eastern Front, according to Alfred von Olberg, Trans-Ocean correspondent, now centres in the southern sector, where the Russians are trying hard to break through the Hungarian and German defence lines on a broad front stretching diagonally on a line paralleling Wiener-Neustadt and Bratislava. The enemys' main pressure, he said, was being directed toward Bratislava, with the Germans also going over repeatedly to the offensive.

Meantime in north-eastern Italy, the British yesterday were said to have attacked German positions on the isthmus between the Adriatic Sea and Lake Comacchio but to have failed to make any advance in the face of stiff German defensive fire.

Two Raiders Shot Down, Damaged Over Hongkong

Hongkong, April 3 (Domei)—The Nippon air force shot down one enemy plane and damaged another and repulsed the others at noon yesterday, Monday, when about 50 aircraft, comprising B-24's and P-38's of the China-based United States air force, raided Hongkong.

Only slight damage was sustained by our side.

Nippon Aviation Now Promised Bright Future

Tokyo, April 4 (Domei)—Shouldering a vital mission in the current war, Nippon aviation has been promised an even brighter future than before since self-sufficiency in fuel has been attained following successful experiments in extracting high octane gasoline from camphor.

Credit goes to the Central Research Institute of the Monopoly Bureau of the Finance Ministry.

80,000 American Soft Coal Miners Go On Strike

Lisbon, April 3 (Domei)—More than 80,000 soft coal miners throughout the United States, ignoring the orders of John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers Union, to recognize the extension of the present working agreement with coal mine operators, today went on strike, seriously threatening America's war production effort, according to a New York dispatch.

The walk-out had an immediate effect on war industries, with officials of the U.S. Steel Corporation stating that eight of its blast furnaces will have to close down unless the coke situation improves.

The soft coal miners went on strike despite telegrams from the United Mine Workers Union, informing all branches of the Union that it had agreed temporarily to extend the current working contract, which is under dispute, until May 1st pending further negotiations.

Meantime, the strike in Hollywood's film industry today went into its 32nd day with still no signs of an immediate settlement. Nine major film studios were reported to have threatened to fire the strikers unless they get back on their jobs by Wednesday.

The "get back-to work" order, signed by Paramount, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayor, Universal, RKO, Columbia, 20th Century Fox, Warner Brothers, Republic Pictures and Samuel Goldwyn Studios, affects carpenters, electrical workers, janitors, screen designers and painters.

Fresh Strikes Hit Hard British War Industries

Lisbon, April 3 (Domei)—A fresh outbreak of strikes has hit Britain's war industries and is causing worry among Britain's production authorities, according to a London dispatch.

The strike of nearly 8,000 aircraft engineers at a plant in northwestern England spread to another factory today when some 600 men left their jobs, it said.

The strikers were said to have demanded production bonuses.

NOTICE

National Liberation Week

Every Indian must hoist the National Flag and the Hinomaru at their houses and shops on 6th and 13th April, 2605, the first and the last days of the above Week.

Secretary,
Indian Independence League,
Syonan Branch.

British Anxiety Over Dominions' Attitude Growing

Lisbon, Apr. 3 (Domei)—Although official British quarters in London maintain that the British Commonwealth Conference, which gets underway tomorrow, has not been called to "gang up" Empire interests before the holding of the San Francisco Conference, dispatches from London indicate that the British Government is extremely anxious that the Dominions should vote with it on major issues that will crop up at the forthcoming anti-Axis world conference, especially in the light that both the United States and the Soviet Union already are manoeuvring for votes in order to ensure their individual interests.

While Britain appears ready to recognize special Dominion regional interests and freedom of action, all indications point that Britain will do its best to deeply impress Empire delegates of the need of working together not only for the advancement of their individual aspirations but the interest of the British Empire as a whole in order to checkmate growing American and Soviet world influence.

British authoritative circles were reported as denying that the British Commonwealth Conference was called before the San Francisco Conference with any "conspiratorial intent" in mind. They claimed that the aim of the Conference, as far as Britain was concerned, was to "reach a maximum degree of unity," indicating that Britain desires at least a tacit understanding between it and the Dominions on major issues expected to be proposed at the San Francisco talks.

Russian-Brazilian Diplomatic Relations

Lisbon, April 3 (Domei)—In a move reflecting the Soviet Union's growing interest in Latin American developments, Russia has established normal diplomatic relations with Brazil for the first time since the Russian Revolution of 1917, according to a Reuter dispatch from Washington today.

Greek Finance Minister George Sideris Resigns

Lisbon, April 2 (Domei)—Greek Minister of Finance George Sideris has resigned and assumed the post of Minister without Portfolio, according to an Athens dispatch. Alexander Milimars, leader of the Democratic Agrarians, has been named as Sideris' successor.

Senate Flatly Rejects U.S. "Manpower Bill"

Lisbon, April 3 (Domei)—Overruling President Roosevelt's urgent appeal for the passage of the legislation, the United States Senate today flatly rejected by a vote of 46 to 29 the controversial Manpower Bill providing for stringent Government control of labour relative to measures for replenishing the armed forces, according to a Washington dispatch.

The defeat of the measure means that the United States Government will have to continue its ordinary method in drafting men for the armed forces.

Meantime, a similar tough battle appears likely to be the fate of the Universal Post-War Military Training Measure, which is due for consideration by Congress after the mid-April recess.

It is believed that the President will send Congress a message asking for legislation requiring every able-bodied American youth to take one year's military or naval training.

SYONAN TOKUBETU-SI NOTICE No. 31.

Re: Enrolment of Sixth Batch Regular Course students for the Koh-Ah Gakuin.

The Sixth Batch of Regular Course Students for the Koh-Ah Gakuin are being enrolled as follows:—

1. Eligibility for admission: (a) Applicants should be of an obedient nature, firm in character, and have no previous record of criminal offences; (b) Male youths between the ages of 17 and 26 who can work with the Army for more than 2 years; (c) Middle School or higher qualification, any nationality, but preference will be given to those affected by the Male Employment Restriction Ordinance; (d) Ability to write katakana and hirakana and to converse in simple Nippon-Go.

2. Number to be admitted: 30.

3. Period of Study: 6 months.

4. Place of Study: Koh-Ah Gakuin, Simon Road, Upper Serangoon.

5. Place of Application and Selective Examination: 10 a.m. on April 10th at the Roh Doh Zimu Kyoku (Labour Office, Syonan Tokubetu-si).

6. Treatment: (a) During period of study, students will be accommodated in dormitories, with free board, wearing apparel, bedding, books, etc. in addition to a monthly allowance of $15; (b) After graduation, place of work will be confined within Malai; initial salary of between $55 to $65 will be paid, with periodical increment.

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